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Applicants: Jordan J. N. Tang and Arun K. Ghosh
Application No.: 09/603,713 Group: 1653
Filed: June 27, 2000 Examiner: Abdel A. Mohamed
Confirmation No.: 4604
For: Inhibitors of Memapsin 2 and Use Thereof

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	17	MINUS	* 23	0
INDEP	2	MINUS	** 3	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

- * not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 9	\$
X	\$42	\$
+	\$140	\$

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$18	\$
X	\$84	\$
+	\$280	\$ 280

TOTAL = \$ 280

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☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

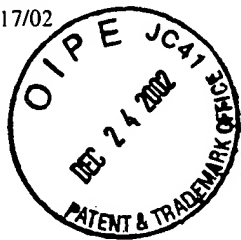
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in reply to the Office Action, Paper No. 16, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 17, 2002 for the above-identified application.

A Petition to extend the shortened statutory period set for reply to the Office Action for three months, from September 17, 2002 to December 17, 2002 and the appropriate fee, are enclosed herewith.

Please amend the application as follows: